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4. LATER, KHRUSHCHEV CALLED ME OVER PRIVATELY AND IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING FURTHER ABOUT THIS QUESTION. HE NOW THOUGHT WE SHOULD NOT RUSH INTO SUCH A MEETING. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER THAT THERE SHOULD BE ADVANCE PREPARATION ON ONE OR MORE QUESTIONS, SO THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE IN VIEW. THEN PERHAPS THE PRESIDENT AND HE COULD MEET, MAY BE TOGETHER WITH SOME OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, AND REGISTER SUCH AGREEMENTS. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT.

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